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Medicare Prescription Drug Program (Part D) Excluded Drugs Information Sheet

Effective January 1, 2006, Medicare's Part D coverage for prescription drugs will begin. Medicare recipients that have Medicaid prescription coverage (known as "dual eligibles") will no longer have Medicaid coverage for pharmacy claims for those Part D covered drugs after December 31, 2005.

Although Medicare beneficiaries will be provided with prescription drug coverage under Part D, Medicare has excluded certain drugs from their coverage (see list below). Alabama Medicaid will continue to cover these excluded drugs for our dual eligibles. It is important to note Alabama Medicaid will continue to cover only the drugs in the Medicare excluded classes for dual eligibles that are covered for other recipients; in addition, any Medicaid restrictions, edits or overrides on these drugs will apply.

Part D Excluded Drugs that Medicaid will continue to cover for our dual eligibles:

Medicaid coverage of these optional classes is subject to change.

Part D Excluded Drug Class	Example Drug* Alabama Medicaid Will Continue to Cover Medicaid coverage of these optional classes is subject to change.
Drugs for anorexia, weight loss, weight gain	Currently Medicaid covers orlistat under PA (specific additional co-morbidity must be medically confirmed)
Fertility Drugs	nafarelin (Medicaid <i>does not cover</i> drugs with a fertility-only FDA approved indication)
Cosmetic use or hair growth	Medicaid <i>does not cover</i> drugs with cosmetic-only FDA approved indications
Symptomatic use of cough and colds	dextromethorphan, pseudoephedrine, hydrocodone combination cough syrups
Prescription vitamin and mineral products (excluding prenatal vitamins and fluoride preparations)	multivitamins for TPN, cyanocobalamin
Over the Counter (OTC) products	acetaminophen, aspirin, hydrocortisone 1%, ibuprofen
Barbiturates	phenobarbital, amobarbital
Benzodiazepines	clonazepam, temazepam, diazepam

* Example drugs are listed for reference purposes only. As these are optional coverage classes for Medicaid, not all drugs in these classes may be covered.

Our Mission - to provide an efficient and effective system of financing health care for our beneficiaries.

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